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EXAMINING GROUP 2186
PATENT

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APPLICANT: J. M. SERICHOL RIASCO
SERIAL NO: 10/079,258 EXAMINER: S. SHAH
FILED: FEBRUARY 19, 2002 GROUP: 2186
TITLE: SYSTEM FOR MAKING AUTOMATIC BACKUP COPIES OF
COMPUTER FILES WHEN A PERSONAL COMPUTER IS
SWITCHED OFF

OFFICIAL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION
FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

ATT: MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated MARCH 8, 2004. With the time for response to the Final Office Action being three months, or until JUNE 8, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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